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## San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice Date: July 18, 2019

### **NOTICE OF FILING, NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN, SAN FRANCISCO BAY BASIN, AND DRAFT SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) has filed a draft substitute environmental document supporting a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) to:

#### **Establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Implementation Plan for Bacteria in the Petaluma River Watershed**

The proposed Basin Plan amendment will establish a TMDL on the discharge of bacteria into Petaluma River and its tributaries to reasonably protect contact recreation beneficial uses, as well as a program of implementation to achieve the TMDL. The Water Board is considering the Basin Plan amendment in accordance with a certified regulatory program exempt under section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act. (Pub. Res. Code, §§ 21000 et seq.) The draft Staff Report serves as the substitute environmental documentation or SED required under the Water Board's certified regulatory program (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 3775 et seq.) and includes the required environmental analyses of the proposed Basin Plan amendment.

**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN** that the Water Board will receive public comments on the proposed Basin Plan amendment and draft Staff Report in accordance with this notice.

**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN** that the Water Board will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on and consider adoption of the proposed amendment and draft Staff Report. The hearing will be held as follows:

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MICHAEL MONTGOMERY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE: **November 13, 2019**

TIME: 9:00 a.m. (approximate)

LOCATION: Elihu M. Harris State Building  
First Floor Auditorium  
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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The proposed Basin Plan amendment and supporting draft Staff Report will be available online by 5:00 p.m. on **July 18, 2019** at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water\\_issues/programs/TMDLs/petalumabacterianutrientmdl.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/TMDLs/petalumabacterianutrientmdl.html)

Alternatively, you may obtain an electronic copy of the documents on disk by contacting the above staff contact.

**SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS:** The Water Board will accept written comments on the proposed Basin Plan amendment and draft Staff Report. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 3, 2019, in order to be considered. Please send all written comments on the proposed amendment and draft Staff Report to the staff contact identified above. Additionally, all evidence, testimony, and exhibits to be offered at the hearing must be submitted in writing by this date to the above staff contact. Non-evidentiary policy statements to be made at the hearing need not be submitted in advance.

Prior to the hearing, Water Board staff will post on its website any proposed changes to the proposed Basin Plan amendment and draft Staff Report, along with written responses to all comments received during the public comment period.

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS:** The Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the proposed Basin Plan amendment and draft Staff Report at the hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment and draft Staff Report, including changes to the proposed Basin Plan amendment that are consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment and are a logical outgrowth of the comments received.

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 649.3. To ensure a productive, efficient and fair hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to be heard, oral comments will generally be

limited to five minutes. Participants with similar comments are strongly encouraged to make joint presentations.

A map and directions to the hearing are available online at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/about\\_us/directions.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/about_us/directions.shtml). The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant Brandy Stone (510) 622-2399, [Brandy.Stone@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Brandy.Stone@waterboards.ca.gov), at least five (5) working days before a meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

**Future Notices:** Any changes in the date of the hearing, the availability of responses to comments or any other updates will be noticed on the above project website. It will also be provided by notices sent via the Lyris e-mail list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the proposed Basin Plan amendment and SED must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list. To sign up, access the E-mail List Subscription form at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg2\\_subscribe.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg2_subscribe.html), select the box for "Bacteria in Petaluma River Watershed" and provide the required information.